

Bremer Makes Last Visit to 1st Cavalry HQ

Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, commanding general of the First Cavalry Division presents Ambassador L. Paul Bremer III, the head of the Coalition Provisional Authority with a ceremonial First Team branding iron. The branding iron features a replica of the famous division patch. Bremer came to division headquarters at Camp Victory North in Baghdad as part of a farewell meeting with the general. After June 30, Bremer will pass the reigns to John Negroponte, the new U.S. ambassador to Iraq.



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Tractors From 1-8 Cav. Help Baghdad Food Production



By Capt. Jayson Morgan, 1-8 Cav. Public Affairs
Sgt. 1st Class Leo Harviel of 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, poses with local farmers in the Karb Degla region of Al Rashid.

By Spc. Andy Miller

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AL RASHID, Baghdad, Iraq – For centuries, the banks of the Tigris River were known as part of a fertile crescent of agricultural activity.

Along the river today, the Karb Degla area of Al Rashid is known as the premier food production area of Baghdad. Farmers from this agricultural center still rely on water irrigated from the Tigris to grow their crops. They also rely on modern technology.

This technology comes at a high price for many of Al

Rashid's self proclaimed 'poor farmers.' Modern farming equipment, an alternative to hand tools, must be rented from area contractors. The cost of renting this equipment is sometimes too much for farmers who also lease their farmland from wealthy landowners.

To help the farmers in this region of Al Rashid, the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 5th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, presented them with four brand new tractors and implements.

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Iraqi Farmers Can Soon Produce More At Lower Cost



By Spc. Andy Miller, 122nd MPAD

Capt. Rex Blair, the 1-8 Cav. Headquarters Company commander, and Sgt. First Class Leo Harviel, a scout platoon sergeant with 1-8 Cav. headquarters, talk with Iraqi leadership from the Karb Degla area of Al Rashid. The 1-8 Cav. presented brand new farm equipment to the area June 9. Farmers in the area grow date palms, apples, pears, vegetables and grains, which are sold at Baghdad markets.

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With input from the neighborhood council advisors in the area, the Mustangs came up with a plan that will allow farmers to produce more crops, and at a lower cost than before.

"This is for the Iraqi farmers," Lt. Col. Jay Allen, the 1-8 Cav. battalion commander, said as he presented two of the tractors to Karb Degla area leaders. "It is not to be used for influence, but to be used for work."

The plan calls for the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) to rent the tractors to farmers for a third of what they now pay to rental contractors. The farmer now pays \$3 an hour for a tractor,

but he will pay only \$1 to the NAC. The proceeds the NAC collects are not for profit, and will pay for equipment operating costs.

"Right now the council can help the farmers," Hussein Abdullah Hami Ajubora, chairman for the Karb Degla council, said through an interpreter. "We are going to charge them 50 percent of the regular price of the private contractors. We want to help the people, so they are satisfied."

Improving the economy of the region is essential for security in the area, according to Ajubora. The Mustangs, who have come under attack there

in the past, consider the area dangerous. By working with the people, and helping them attain a better quality of life, the Mustangs are sowing the seeds of friendship with Iraqi farmers, according to Sgt. First Class Leo Harviel, a scout platoon sergeant with 1-8 Cav. Headquarters Company.

"It shows solidarity for the area, and the coalition working hand in hand with the people," Harviel said. "[Our] friendship develops, and shows that we are here for them and the betterment of Iraq."

As Harviel and his scouts handed out candy and T-shirts to local Iraqis during the day, they could see the farmers harvesting their crops. Date palms, fruits, vegetables and grains from this area are destined for the Baghdad markets every day of the growing season.

The plan to provide tractors and farm equipment will augment other Mustang projects to help farmers in the area, Harviel said. Irrigation ditches are being cleaned and pumping stations are being repaired. This work is providing jobs for the people of Karb Degla, and is bringing progress to area.

"A lot of the farming done out there is done by shovels and hand tools," Harviel said. "The tractors that we gave out to them will speed up agricultural profits, and bring them into the 21st century."

Today in History

June 22

► From historychannel.com

1611 Following a mutiny by the starving crew of the *Discovery*, English navigator Henry Hudson, his teenage son, and seven supporters are set adrift in a small, open boat and never seen again.

1876 General Santa Anna dies in Mexico City

1937 In Chicago's Comiskey Park, Joe Louis wins the world heavyweight boxing title when he defeats American Jim Braddock in an eighth-round knockout. Louis was the first African American heavyweight champ since Jack Johnson, who lost the title in 1915. During his subsequent reign, the longest in the history of the heavyweight division, Louis successfully defended his title 25 times, scoring 21 knockouts.

1941 Germany launches Operation Barbarossa - the invasion of Russia

1945 Battle of Okinawa ends

1965 Film magnate David Selznick, the producer of *Gone with the Wind*, dies

1969 Actress and singer Judy Garland dies of an overdose of sleeping pills

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Behind the Scenes, Before the Ribbon Gets Cut

By Cpl. Benjamin Cossel
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CAMP COOKE- Working with members of the Taji area council, Soldiers of the 489th Civil Affairs Battalion began choosing areas within the community that could benefit the most from U.S. military assistance during an assessment mission.

The civil affairs projects improve roads, utilities and schools within Iraq. Before ground is broken on a project, the less glamorous tasks of completing assessment documentation, selecting contractors and the other vital details so a project seeing the light of day must be accomplished.

During one such assessment mission, Sgt. Arthur Willis, a civil affairs specialist, snaps a few photos, notes the

total distance of a road, and begins walking back to his vehicle. The long pockmarked, dirt-road stretches a hundred meters down disappearing around a corner. Rows of clay and thatch houses stand parallel to the road marking this lane as the single point of entry and exit to the village.

Willis and his team have just come from a meeting with the Taji area advisory council. During the meeting, potential projects are discussed as well as the status of existing projects that are pending approval.

"The local sheik of this area feels that if we were to pave this road, it would enable the villagers an easier route to bring their goods to the local market," Willis said.

For many citizens of this village, money made selling

their crops and livestock is the only form of income they have. Most of the citizens must load their wares onto carts pulled by donkeys making their way along the road to Highway One. From there they travel on to the Taji market about three miles to the south.

Sgt. John Hultquist, a civil affairs specialist, begins calling out dimensions to the group of contractors that has accompanied the team. "Make sure you include the name of the village and road on your final proposal," he said.

As part of the broader plan to infuse money into the Iraqi economy and bring jobs to local citizens, all contractors used are drawn from the Baghdad area. Fifty percent of the contractor's labor-force must come from the local populace as a condition of awarding a contract.

"We've worked with some of the contractors we currently have bidding," said Maj. Terry Robey, team chief. "We know that they can complete the project quickly and correctly. [But] to really make a difference and effect change, some of those jobs *must* be given to the locals of the Taji area."

"Public works projects may be more effective than guns in deciding the future of Iraq," said Maj. Gen. Peter

Chiarelli, commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division in a recent interview with *The Washington Post*. "The key to winning this is that we've got to show them progress."

With the warm reception and public support each project completion brings, it is hard to doubt the positive impact they have on the community. That effect has not gone unnoticed by those who don't want the mission of the Civil Affairs team to succeed.

During the assessment, the procession of contractors, council members, and military personal made their way down a narrow road to review a boy's school in need of repair. Tall, dense vegetation flanked the convoy to the left and right, a perfect setup for an ambush.

Suddenly a loud boom sounded as a cloud of dust covered the convoy, small arms fire cracked through the air as vehicle drivers maneuvered to get out of the kill zone. Almost as soon as it had started the confrontation was over. Soldiers began the task of casualty assessment. None were hurt in the attack and only minor damage was inflicted upon a contractor's vehicle.

"That IED tells me we're doing our job," explained Robey. "The more we succeed, the more people (anti-Iraqi Forces) are going to try and stop us."


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-MG Peter Chiarelli, commanding general, 1st Cav. Div.




By Cpl. Benjamin Cossel 122nd MPAD

"Make sure you include the name of the road and village," says Sgt. Jon Hultquist, a civil affairs sergeant with the 489th Civil Affairs Battalion's A-Team 5, to the group of assembled contractors. Soldiers of A-Team 5 were conducting an initial assessment mission to identify areas within the Taji area needing of civil assistance.

Tuesday
High: 108
Low: 82


Wednesday
High: 108
Low: 82


Thursday
High: 111
Low: 82


Weather information provided by 1CD Staff Weather Office (SWO)

Iraqi Word of the Day

bread

Samm-uun / khubuz



Copperas Cove (TX) Leader-Press

Workers put the finishing touches on the new scoreboard at Bulldawg Stadium Wednesday. The scoreboard will eventually feature a video board in the middle, similar to the scoreboard at Waco ISD Stadium.



ACCIDENT PREVENTION



o Prevent accidents by enforcing standards.

o Leaders should know their high-risk soldiers and counsel them on correcting their behaviors.

o Don't walk by; make on-the-spot corrections of unsafe actions.

o Apply the risk management process to reduce mission hazards.

o Maintain situational awareness and don't let your guard down.

Knoxville Prepares for 'Honda Hoot' Event This Week

► From KBIR-TV

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.- An estimated 18,000 motorcycle enthusiasts are expected in Knoxville this week for the annual "Honda Hoot" event, and local businesses are looking forward to a boost.

Hosted by the Honda Rider's Club of America, the annual event is in its 11th year. This will be the fourth consecutive Hoot hosted in Knoxville.

Ground zero for the festivities will be East Knoxville's Chilhowee Park, but activities will include a vendor expo, demo rides, and tours through the twisting backroads of East Tennessee.

Sales have already picked up at Biker Rags on Kingston Pike. The owners of the West Knoxville cycle shop compare the arrival of the Honda Hoot to Christmas; they're having a sale and staying open late.

"We'll do more than double on a regular week," says owner Jeff Huggins.

Biker Rags employees say Honda Hoot riders are willing to make the twenty-mile trip from downtown to their location in far-west Knoxville just to buy a motorcycle t-shirt from an out-of-town store. Customers are

coming from as far away as Texas and Wisconsin.

At The Prince Deli and Sports Bar on Lovell Road in West Knox County, the owner is hoping that a recent positive mention of her eatery on a cycling website will generate extra business while the motorcyclists are in town.



"Last year, people found us by accident," says owner Donna Dweik, adding that she will be interested to see if her sales pick up this year.

Business owners anticipating Honda Hoot sales

boosts are hoping the recent rain Knoxville has experienced will stay away this week, noting that sunny weather brings higher sales from cyclists.

The event will kick off on June 22, with a party for Hoot attendees at the downtown Marriott from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. On June 23, the "Honda Hoot Old City Street Party" will take place between 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

Other events will include the "Honda Hula Hoot" at the Civic Coliseum on June 24 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, followed by "Saturday Night on the Town" on the evening of June 26 on Gay Street and Market Square.

47-year-old Martina Navratilova Returns to Wimbledon

► From ESPN.com news services

WIMBLEDON, England—Just like old times.

Nine-time champion Martina Navratilova returned to Wimbledon for her first singles match in 10 years Monday — and looked as if she's never been away.

Serving and volleying in classic grass-court style, the 47-year-old Navratilova crushed Colombia's Catalina Castano 6-0, 6-1 in 46 minutes in a rain-interrupted early match on the opening day of the 118th edition of the Grand Slam tournament.

It was a big turnaround from Navratilova's singles appearance last month at the French Open, where she lost in straight sets in the first round to Gisela Dulko.

Navratilova will get a second shot at Dulko this week, after Dulko defeated Jelena Dokic in the first round at Wimbledon later Monday.

"It's great to be out there, great to have that opportunity," Navratilova said. "When peo-

ple say, 'Why are you doing it?' I guess the answer is, because I still can, bottom line."

Turning to critics who thought she couldn't be competitive again, she said, "You guys didn't believe me. Now do you believe me?"

Granted a wild card entry last week, Navratilova was back in her element on her favorite grass surface at the club where she made her debut 31 years ago. Winner of six straight titles from 1982-87, she hadn't played singles at Wimbledon since losing in the 1994 final to Conchita Martinez.

After receiving a warm ovation from the crowd on Court 2, known as the "graveyard of champions," Navratilova took charge immediately. She played a style rarely seen in tennis these days: She served and volleyed from the first point, she chipped and charged on the returns, she hit for angles rather than power.

Castano, ranked No. 102 and playing only her second



Getty Images

47-year-old Martina Navratilova, playing in her 28th Wimbledon tennis tournament, won her singles match Monday, handily beating Colombia's Catalina Castano 6-1, 6-0 in 46 minutes.

match at the All England Club, looked tight facing a Wimbledon legend and put up little resistance until late in the match.

Navratilova was up 5-0 after just 16 minutes when the match was stopped by rain. Further rain was forecast for later in the day as well as during much of the first week.

After a 40-minute break, Navratilova picked up where she left off, breaking for the first set and racing to a 5-0 lead in the second. Castano finally picked up her game, breaking for 5-1 and forcing a break point in the next game. It took Navratilova five match points before she finally closed out the contest.

TV GUIDE	AFN ATLANTIC	AFN PACIFIC	AFN Sports	AFN Spectrum
6 p.m.	Lizzie McGuire/ All That!	Tonight Show with Jay Leno/ The Late Show with David Letterman	MLB - Oakland Athletics @ Anaheim Angels	Life Is Beautiful 4 p.m./ Ebert & Roeper At the Movies
7 p.m.	Jeopardy/ Headline News	Access Hollywood 7:30 p.m.	SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys/ Spongebob Squarepants
8 p.m.	ESPNNews/ Headline News	Wall Street	ESPNNews/ NBA Inside Stuff	The Simpsons/ Happy Days
9 p.m.	7th Heaven		Wimbledon Tennis Tournament - Early Round Coverage Day 2	Monk
10 p.m.	A Bug's Life	Raising Arizona 10:15 p.m.		ER



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